

## Caring for Indigent Clients - Establishing Benefits - Initial Screening Algorithm

### Initial Screening Algorithm

Is the client in severe emotional/behavioral crisis or at high risk for out-of-home placement?

NO  
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Continue to next question.

YES  
⬇

Deliver services as part of priority population and complete clinic-centered benefits eligibility assessment and application process.

Does client/guardian wish for follow up services?

YES  
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Continue to next question.

NO  
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Refer client/guardian to appropriate treatment resource and stop.

Has screening assessment been completed?

YES  
⬇

Continue to next question.

NO  
⬇

Refer to supervisor.

Does client have clinic-eligible benefits (e.g. Medi-Cal)?

NO  
⬇

Continue to next question.

YES  
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Determine services based upon clinic-eligible benefits (e.g., Medi-Cal) medical necessity criteria. Provide the services.

Does the client meet DSM-IVTR criteria for any of the following diagnoses accompanied by severe functional impairment? [Check appropriate box(es) below]

- ALL AGES**
- ☐ Psychotic disorder with requirement for medication
  - ☐ Major depressive disorder or bipolar disorder, moderate or severe
  - ☐ Severe anxiety disorder

**CHILDREN ONLY** ☐ Severe ADHD, conduct disorder, or oppositional defiant disorder

YES  
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Client is considered part of priority population, based upon clinic review procedure.

NO  
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Refer to appropriate community resources and forward to supervisor for review.